

## “Jesus Is...The Promise”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a **flexible guide** that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

### Message Summary

We started a new series this week titled “Jesus Is...” Through this 11-week study we will examine the introduction to the Gospel of Matthew in order to study and discover, in a profound way, the One about which Matthew wrote. We will see this Jesus is the One worthy to obey and follow!

This week we discovered Jesus is The Promise. In the first verse of Matthew we find four pictures of the Promised One. We saw Him as the Promised Offspring who will crush the head of the serpent and will bless all the world. While we are blessed in many ways in this world, ultimately, all blessings come from Jesus. We saw Him as the Promised King who will rule and reign over all creation. Since His reign has already begun He demands our allegiance and obedience. He is the Promised Messiah; the Lord’s Anointed who rules as King, displays God to us as Prophet, and represents us to God as Priest. This Jesus didn’t take the blood of another into the Holy of Holies but poured out His own blood for us! This leads us to the fact that He is the Promised Savior. Because Jesus paid for our sin with His own blood we can stand righteous before God; saved from the bondage and consequences of sin. This Promised One is our only hope!

As we think about being a church that makes disciples who make disciples, we must not turn disciple-making into the ultimate thing. While Jesus called us to disciple-making, He first called us to love and honor Him. Therefore, as we live out His commands, let’s spend some time over the next few months turning our attention to the One we love and adore. Let’s recognize that He calls us to love Him first. When we love Him rightly, disciple-making will naturally follow.

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week examine your love for Jesus. Jesus is the Promised One. Do you have a real grasp of all that God has promised through Him? Are you living in light of the fact that your blessings come ultimately from Jesus, He is ruler over your life, your representative before God, and the Savior of your life? Be prepared to answer the questions on the next page about these truths but also be prepared to answer how you will live out these truths in the coming weeks. Why? Because Jesus is The Promise!

### Message Outline

Jesus is the Promised...

1. Offspring.  
He will crush Satan’s head.  
He will bless the world.
2. King.  
His reign has begun.  
He demands your allegiance.
3. Messiah.  
The Lord’s Anointed:  
As King He rules with authority.  
As Prophet He represents God to us.  
As Priest He represents us to God.
4. Savior.  
He will save you from  
The bondage of sin.  
The consequences of sin.  
He is your only Hope.

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### **Group Discussion**

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Matthew 1:1:

1. What does this passage say about God’s character?
2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
3. What is God saying about me?
4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

### **Weekly Prayer Focus**

- **Church:**

- Pray that God would give us new believers and covenant members.
- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to establish their goals and objects and begin to live them out.

- **Local:**

- Pray for the Friday Night Beach Bonfire Outreach and the developing friendships. Pray these will lead toward Gospel conversations.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.

- **Global:**

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the new believer in SEA and for those who have heard the Gospel.
- Pray for A&M in SEA and their team as they seek to lead a church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.